



# Crop Progress and Condition

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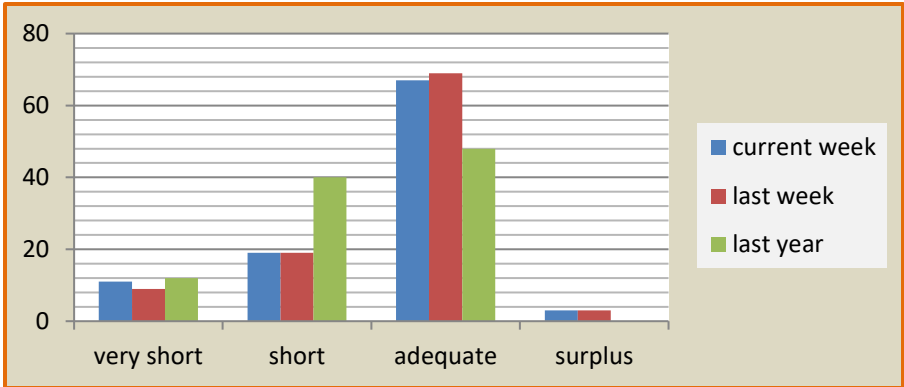
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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Weather conditions were cooler and dry. Some pasture regrowth has been hindered due to the lack of rain. Farming activities this week included baling hay and harvesting fruit.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/20/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	11	19	67	3
Subsoil	10	18	68	4

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/20/20



### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/20/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	17	37	46	-
Corn	8	16	32	43	1
Hay	7	15	32	42	4
Soybeans	-	8	30	56	6
Pasture	5	13	21	55	6
Cattle & Calves	-	2	21	70	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	15	80	4

- Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/20/20

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	59	49	66	51
Peaches harvested	84	79	98	97
Corn dough	98	87	80	87
Corn dented	66	49	53	64
Corn mature	20	5	24	25
Hay second cutting	96	87	86	89
Hay third cutting	25	12	22	27
Soybeans setting pods	78	62	82	81
Soybeans dropping leaves	14	7	11	14

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 20, 2020

This week began under high pressure in the wake of a strong cold front. Under the influence of this high pressure, cooler and dry conditions persisted through the week. Because of the dry conditions, there were significant daily high and low temperature swings. For the first time in a while, some locations dropped below freezing. Due to strong high pressure, precipitation was extremely limited across the State this week. The only precipitation amounts recorded were from the remnants of Hurricane Sally, and only the Southern coalfields and Southern mountains were affected. The Northernmost sections of West Virginia remain abnormally dry.

Temperatures: Charleston, Parkersburg, and Pineville had the highest recorded temperature of 80 degrees. Keyser had the lowest recorded temperature of 31 degrees. The state average temperature was 58 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.50 of an inch. Most locations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.13 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/20/20

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2020	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	78	39	57	-7	0.00	0.50	16.25	18.44	21.37
PARKERSBURG	80	37	59	-7	0.00	0.70	25.21	21.51	21.75
CRESTON	77	35	58		0.00		28.55	25.56	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	76	39	58	-7	0.00	0.75	16.98	22.62	22.67
CLARKSBURG	77	37	57	-7	0.00	0.83	25.90	21.54	24.37
BELINGTON	77	37	58		0.00		28.19	18.55	
WESTON	78	38	59		0.00		33.04	23.35	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	77	46	61		0.38		29.26	22.10	
HUNTINGTON	79	44	62	-6	0.00	0.62	24.03	23.23	22.52
CHARLESTON	80	39	60	-7	0.01	0.77	30.23	23.03	23.33
RIPLEY	79	41	60		0.00		26.50	23.10	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	73	33	54		0.00		25.08	29.26	
ELKINS	78	34	56	-6	0.01	0.89	33.59	26.79	25.10
MARLINTON	76	36	56		0.34		33.19	23.13	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	71	36	55	-8	0.35	0.76	30.48	20.95	22.71
PINEVILLE	80	41	61		0.37		30.97	18.53	
BLUEFIELD	75	40	58	-7	0.50	0.77	32.29	17.40	21.42
WHITE SUL SP	76	35	56		0.46		29.02	19.07	
BLUESTONE DAM	76	39	58		0.35		31.25	18.39	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	76	33	57	-8	0.00	0.90	16.93	19.33	20.60
KEYSER	78	31	58		0.00		20.51	21.08	
MOOREFIELD	79	33	59		0.00		19.12	24.06	
State Average Temperature	58								
State Average Precipitation	0.13								

Source:  
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.